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Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt :—" May I know which districts are going to be investigated by this officer? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan :—" I think all those districts where there is coconut cultivation are under investigation by this officer."

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt :—" May I know whether South Kanara is within his scope? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan :—" If South Kanara is a coconut producing country, it will certainly be under his investigation."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar :—" May I know whether the Madras Government is getting in touch with this officer? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan :—" I do not think the Government need be in touch with this officer. But I think that officer would send a copy of the report of the work which he sends to the Imperial Council of Research to this Government also."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar :—" May I know whether agricultural research includes the growing of coconut trees also? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan :—" Yes."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar :—" May I ask whether the Madras Government have issued instructions to coconut growers that they may make any representations to this officer? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan :—" It is open to anybody to make representations to this officer."

Khan Bahadur Mahmud Schamnad Sahib Bahadur.—" May I know what kind of researches this officer is making; is it about marketing or improving the growth of coconuts or what? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan :—" In all matters affecting the coconut."

## Registration

*Posting to the sub-registry offices in South Kanara of clerks unacquainted with the local language.*

* 583 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Madras Services Commission have allotted for service as clerks in the sub-registry offices in South Kanara, candidates who do not know the local vernacular; and

(*b*) whether such men posted as clerks have been found unable to do the work required of them?

*A.*—In February 1933, the Collector of South Kanara had to allot Malayali candidates, who were next in order in the approved list of candidates for the South Kanara district, published by the Madras Services Commission, to the offices of the sub-registrars of Coondapoor and Udipi to fill places caused by leave vacancies. The Sub-Registrar, Udipi, reported that

the clerk did not know Kanarese and that no work could be assigned to him. In March 1933, the Registrar of Assurances brought to notice a few instances in which clerks who did not know the local vernacular were posted to the sub-offices in his district and stated that work in those offices had been dislocated. The question of the amendment of the Madras Ministerial Service Rules so as to remove such difficulties is under consideration.

## Provincial Finance.

*Admissibility of travelling allowance under rule 95 of the Madras Travelling Allowance Rules.*

* 584 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur P. Khalif-ul-lah Sahib Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have issued a Government Order in June 1933 amending rule 95 of the Madras Travelling Allowance Rules;

(*b*) whether in that Government Order, travelling allowance for journey to obtain second medical opinion in support of an application for extension of leave has been permitted;

(*c*) whether, with reference to the permission referred to in clause (*b*), petitions claiming travelling allowance under the Government Order cited above, have been received by the Government from and after June 1933; and

(*d*) if so, in which of the departments travelling allowance was sanctioned and in which of the departments travelling allowance was refused in such cases?

*A.*—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Subject to the restrictions laid down in the rule, it was intended to cover a journey to obtain a second medical opinion in support of an application for extension of leave and the rule was amended in June 1933 to make the intention clear.

(*c*) Claims under the rule do not require the sanction of Government, but may be sanctioned by the authorities specified in the rule. Only two cases have come to the notice of Government, one in the Revenue Department and another in the Law Department.

(*d*) The claims were refused in both the cases.

## Irrigation

*The Pennar-Kumudavathi project.*

* 585 *Q.*—Mr. G. Lakshmana Reddi: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state at what stage the Pennar-Kumudavathi project is (in Anantapur district)?